



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6954

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**AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD RESEARCH AND
POLICY PARTNERSHIPS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) There is established an Early
2 Childhood Research and Policy Partnership. The partnership shall be a
3 collaborative arrangement consisting of the Departments of Social
4 Services, Education and Public Health, institutions of higher education
5 and an organization that promotes healthy development of children
6 throughout this state. Other partners may be added from business,
7 advocacy groups, parent and philanthropic organizations. The
8 partnership shall (1) conduct policy-relevant research and data
9 analysis on early childhood issues in the pursuit of school readiness
10 and optimal health for all young children, (2) promote improvements
11 to state agency data management systems, (3) use research to inform
12 early childhood policy and program development, (4) assist
13 departments in establishing and tracking performance measures of
14 publicly funded programs and indicators of system effectiveness to
15 improve child and family outcomes, and (5) identify and disseminate
16 evidence-based early childhood policies, models and practices. The
17 partnership shall annually set a research agenda in consultation with
18 the Governor, Early Childhood Education Cabinet and other
19 administrative bodies, the General Assembly, Commission on
20 Children, representatives of the early childhood advocacy community

21 and other interested citizens. The partnership shall make its findings
22 available to these groups and the public. The partnership shall operate
23 within available state appropriations and shall seek funds from other
24 sources.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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